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Grain and Feed

Updated Forecast for 2006 Crop 2006

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Report Highlights:

Due to widespread drought conditions, the forecast for total wheat production in Israel has been revised to 100 – 120 thousand tons from 160 thousand tons. This is a 32 percent drop.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
Tel Aviv [IS1]
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Winter 2005/06, brought a 10 to 25 percent drop in rainfall in largest wheat growing region in the country. It resulted in 32 percent lower than expected wheat crop, almost 40 percent lower than that in previous year.

A large area of the Negev region suffered from severe drought conditions. The remainder of the southern regions also experienced drought. More than 40 percent of the planted wheat area in Israel is located in the south. The government has designated the area a drought disaster and will soon begin compensation.

The rest of the country benefited from favorable growing conditions for the wheat. Expected yield is between 4 – 6 tons per hectare. Gluten and protein levels are expected to be above average.

PSD Table Israel Wheat							
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		07/2004		07/2005		07/2006	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	70	65	75	65	0	65	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	230	165	207	165	237	165	(1000 MT)
Production	128	128	180	180	0	110	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	1549	1430	1600	1420	0	1490	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	1549	1430	1600	1420	0	1490	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	469	434	0	500	0	570	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1907	1723	1987	1765	237	1765	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	800	650	850	680	0	680	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1700	1558	1750	1600	0	1600	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	207	165	237	165	0	165	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1907	1723	1987	1765	0	1765	(1000 MT)